

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 are canceled herein, with claims 5 and 8 having been previously canceled. Thus, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31 now remain pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes and remarks made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9-31 over Alam in view of Hawkins and Grambihler

Claims 1-7 and 9-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,324,544 to Alam et al. ("Alam") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,323 to Hawkins ("Hawkins"), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,560,655 to Grambihler et al. ("Grambihler").

Claims 5 and 8 were previously canceled, and claims 3 and 4 are canceled herein. However, the independent claims from which claims 3 and 4 depend are amended herein to recite limitations from now canceled claims 3 and 4. The Applicants herein respond to now pending claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31 recite, *inter alia*, a first synchronization process that is launched on a personal data assistant in response to a synchronization instruction **from an application on a personal data assistant**, a second synchronization process that is launched on a host device in response to the synchronization instruction **from the application on the personal data assistant**.

Thus, 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31 commonly recite TWO processes, a first synchronization process and a second synchronization process, being launched on TWO different devices, a personal data assistant and a host device, as a result of a synchronization instruction from an application on a personal data assistant. The cited art fails to disclose, teach or suggest such features.

The Examiner stresses Alam at Figure 6, item 140, item 148 and at col. 13, lines 38-49. (see Office Action, page 6) The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Alam at Figure 6 items 140 and 148 discloses a first synchronization manager 140 in a first desktop computer 14 and a second synchronization manager 148 in a second desktop computer 14.

Alam at col. 13, lines 38-49 discloses:

In order to exchange objects with mobile device 12, synchronization manager 148 continually calls the method IReplObjHandler:GetPacket to have an appropriate provider 152 or 154 obtain a packet of information to be transmitted to mobile device 12. To handle a packet received from mobile device 12, synchronization manager 148 calls IReplObjHandler::SetPacket. This acts to provide a packet of information received from mobile device 12 to a synchronization provider 154 for storage on its associated object store. Similar interfaces are called by synchronization manager 140 on mobile device 12. These methods are discussed in greater detail below.

Alam discloses two methods executed by synchronization manager 148, IReplObjHandler:GetPacket and IReplObjHandler::SetPacket, to respectively transmit a packet of information to a mobile device and receive a packet from a mobile device. Alam discloses similar interfaces acting at the mobile device 12. However, a thorough reading of Alam reveals that his two methods to transmit and receive information are **NOT launched** as a result of execution of a **synchronization instruction from an application on a personal data assistant**, as recited by claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31.

Hawkins appears to disclose a simple method of sharing information between a handheld computer system and a personal computer system. (see Abstract) The synchronization process is activated by a single button press. (see Abstract)

Hawkins discloses a button press that launches a synchronization process – not a **synchronization instruction from an application on a personal data assistant**, as recited by claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31.

Grambihler appears to disclose a centralized manager for managing the data synchronization operations for multiple applications according

to user preferences. (see Abstract) Applications register respective COM handlers with the synchronization manager. (see Abstract) On a synchronization event the synchronization manager queues the registered application handlers, and calls the handlers to perform the synchronization of items therein. (see Abstract) This allows for a consistent user experience and presentation to a user. (see Abstract)

Grambihler disclosed a centralized method of performing synchronization and presentation, with the centralized manager queuing registered application handlers. Thus, synchronization is performed from a **single** centralized location, the **centralized manager**. Grambihler fails to disclose, teach or suggest a first synchronization process and a second synchronization process respectively launched on a **personal data assistant** and a **host device**, much less as a result of a synchronization instruction from an application on a personal data assistant, as recited by claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31.


Alam, Hawkins and Grambihler, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest a first synchronization process that is launched on a personal data assistant in response to a synchronization instruction **from an application on a personal data assistant**, a second synchronization process that is launched on a host device in response to the synchronization instruction **from the application on the personal data assistant**, as recited by claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-31 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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